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SUBJECT: NEW OB

1. LANDLORD OF NEW OB, DR. PITTA, CALLED ON ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THIS WEEKEND. HIS LAW FIRM HAS BEEN NATIONALIZED AND HE IS BARRED ENTRY TO HIS OFFICE. HE IS ALSO PROHIBITED TO PRACTICE LAW IN ANY FORM AND IS VIRTUALLY UNEMPLOYED.

2. PITTA WAS VERY EMOTIONALLY UPSET BECAUSE HE HAS NOTE DUE FOR PAYMENT AND BANK IS NOT ABLE TO ALLOW HIM TO DEFER PAYMENT UNTIL FUTURE DATE. HE REQUESTED THE POST CABLE THE DEPARTMENT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PAY HIM ESCUSO EQUIVALENT DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOR EACH MONTH FROM MAY 1, 1975 UNTIL MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION RECEIVED TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR RESERVING NEW OB FOR US. INCIDENTALLY, PITTA WAS ALSO REQUIRED TO PAY HIS PRESENT LANDLORD RESERVE MONEY FROM JANUARY 1 TO MAY 1 WHEN HE VACATED OB IN ORDER FOR HIS LANDLORD TO HOLD A RENTAL FOR HIM.

3. RECOMMENDATION: BELIEVE WE HAVE NO SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE, AS RISK IS GREAT PITTA WILL RENT TO SOME OTHER ENTITY IN DESPERATION, DESPITE UNDERSTANDING HE HAS SHOWN TO DATE. RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION BE GIVEN FOR RESERVE PAYMENT. WALKER

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